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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-142781, published May 29, 1998, with English Abstract. (This application corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,106,992.)
2. Y. IKEDA et al., "Mercury-Free, Simple-Structured Flat Discharge LCD Backlights Ranging from 0.5 to 5.2-in. Diagonals", *Society for Information Display*, 2000, pp. 938-941.
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,106,992 issued August 22, 2000 to Asano et al.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

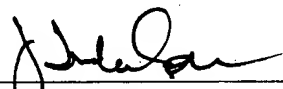
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